

Jennings County Council Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

December 18, 2019

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members were present with the exception of Paul Belding.

Howard spoke on the previous minutes and about work on ECO Park and Greg Martin and how slow things are moving. He would like to take a different approach. He would like to have a volunteer to take over (much like the Tripton Park Project). He would like to talk to Mike Kelley who is the trustee in that area and see if he knows of someone who would take that on. The township could help, Lowes will help. There are many different avenues to get this started. Dave Woodall mentioned that nothing can be done without the approval of the Park Board. Howard said he would talk to the Park Board about this. The people that gave this to the county said they want it to remain a park and open to the public. There is 120 acres and a boat ramp. Lowes put in a playground. Mike Gerth is concerned about the drug activity. He is also concerned about the cost of getting the park up and going. Charlie said that this is a good example of why there needs to be a 5 year plan.

Mike Gerth made a motion to approve the December 10 minutes. Charlie Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Appointments for 2020

EMA – Bob Ellis

Alcohol Beverage Board (this is a paid appointment)– Open

Area Plan – Mike Gerth and Brenda Habenicht

911 – Dave Woodall

SIRPC – Howard Malcomb

SISWD – Mike Gerth

Wage Committee Board – Dave Woodall

Library Board - Pam Woodall

Tourism Board – Charlie Weber

County Park Board (this is a paid appointment) – Pat Hauersperger and Danny Young

Animal Control – Open

Tri County Water Board – Mandy Creech

Vernon Fork Water – Dan Wright

EDC Board – Howard Malcomb, Dave Woodall and Charlie Weber

The Council would like for Pat Hauersperger, Danny Young, Craig Hahn and Christy Willhite to come to the next meeting to see what their goals are.

Mike Gerth made the motion to approve all appointments except Alcohol Beverage, County Park and

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Animal Control. Dave Woodall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor, highlighted all changes made during 2019 on the 2019 Salary Ordinance. Charlie Weber made the motion to approve the 2019 Salary Ordinance as presented. Mike Gerth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tessia presented the 2020 Salary Ordinance exactly as it was budgeted and approved. There are a few things that need to be discussed. Charlie compared all the salaries to the budget and said it agrees with what was budgeted with some exceptions. He agrees with the Salary Ordinance and feels this should be approved and then Council would need to make Additional Appropriations for next year. That way the budget would be in line with the Salary Ordinance. Charlie went over changes that need to be made:

County Clerk Deputy 1 Increase it to \$29,802.

County Auditor Deputy 3 Decrease to \$31,572.

County Sheriff Chief Deputy Decrease to \$64,895.

County Sheriff Det-Sgt Decrease to \$61,166.

Circuit Court Judge Decrease to \$4,584.

Soil and Water Exec Director Increase to \$41,416.

Highway Admin Full time clerk was approved between budget and year end. They need to appropriate \$32,000 for that. This was a transfer out of part time. Charlie said he recommends that the part time be decreased by \$32,000. This would make the part time to \$76,150.

Charlie made a motion to transfer \$32,000 from 12500 to 11206 for the Highway Admin Clerk #2. Dave Woodall seconded. Discussion was held. Mandy Creech was concerned about the Reassessment Fund, there is \$19,000 out of that and paying the Assessor. She thought this was not going to be due to X-Soft purchase. This turned out to be an issue of how it was worded. Tessia said she could change the wording on the Salary Ordinance. Much discussion was held about this. The second line in 1188 will be changed to Assessor Field Rep from Assessor Sales Disclosure. Charlie made the motion to amend his previous motion and change the description on Fund 1188 Acct 10115 for \$10,610 to read Part Time Field Assessor Sales Disclosure. Bob Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy mentioned that once Tyler is eliminated there is an issue about a vehicle. The options are using a personal vehicle and pay mileage or the county to supply a vehicle. There is mileage on his budget but not enough for that. Tyler will be here through 2020. He was hoping to have the new software as soon as it was approved but the software company recommended it be done May 1. This is something to keep in mind for the future.

Howard brought up the AIC dues. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the AIC dues. Mandy Creech seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Tessia brought up the Clerks Perpetuation Fund. At the last meeting the Council approved to change the name on Fund 4921. She has done investigation on this and the Clerks Perpetuation fund is actually 1119 per State Board of Accounts. Previous administration had it as 4921 instead of 1119. The money from 4921 needs to be transferred to 1119. Dave Woodall made the motion to change from 4921 to 1119 and transfer the money and rescind the motion of changing the name previously. Charlie Weber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Gerth presented the liaison list for 2020 that was brought to him by the Sheriff. This hopefully will help many things, communication, unexpected expenses or appropriations, etc. Jackson County has a finance committee who goes around and meets with all the departments before the budget. He said on some of the bigger issues they may have 2 members go to the office that is requesting a liaison meeting. He has made a list of who the liaison is for each office. This could be even just once a year meeting to assist with the budget. The jail may require more often. The following is a list of offices and their liaisons:

Circuit Court - Bob Ellis
Superior Court - Charlie Weber
Highway - Mandy Creech
Treasurer - Howard Malcomb
Animal Control - Mandy Creech
Coop Ext Service - Charlie Weber
Human Resources - Howard Malcomb
Veterans' Service Office - Paul Belding
Clerk - Mandy Creech
Soil & Water - Bob Ellis
Area Plan - Mike Gerth
E911 - Charlie Weber
Assessor - Paul Belding
Prosecutor - Dave Woodall
Probation - Dave Woodall
Commissioners - Bob Ellis
Emergency Services - Charlie Weber
Parks - Howard Malcomb
Health - Bob Ellis
Sheriff - Mike Gerth
Recycle Center - Mandy Creech
Recorder - Dave Woodall
Auditor - Dave Woodall
Surveyor - Mike Gerth

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Coroner - Paul Belding

2020 will be a trial of the liaison program. Tessia mentioned that there is an issue at times when someone wants on the Council Agenda and she tells them to forward her all info so she can, in turn, send it to the Council before the meeting. If they don't forward it should she call them and tell them they are not on the Agenda? This is something the liaison could be made aware of and handle. Charlie brought up that if she has an issue she should get with the President of the Council and handle it from there. Charlie said he thinks the liaison should make the decision if they feel more than 1 Council Member needs to be involved in any issues that might arise. Howard said he would like for Charlie to be the liaison with Baker Tilly. Dave Woodall made the motion to accept Charlie as liaison between Baker Tilly and the Council. Mandy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Charlie said that he thinks this was a good year but some things have slipped and should be brought back to the table at some point.

First was the issue at the highway department and \$165,000.00 was unaccounted for. He feels the Council should demand to know what happened and what changes need to be made. Also, he understands that they handle cash and they should not be handling cash. He feels that this is sloppy work and the Council needs to be included more on issues with cash flow. Mandy said she will go out to the Highway Dept and check into this.

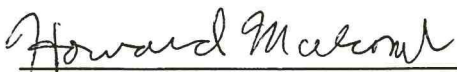
Next, PERF was discussed previously. Council told Judge Webster that they would study PERF and nothing has been done. Howard said the last time they looked at it there was no way the county could afford to get started. Dave Woodall said he would get some information together.

He also brought up that he feels the county needs to consider paying elected officials more. He wants everyone to think on how to come up with some incentives for this.

Dave Woodall made the motion to adjourn. Bob Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor

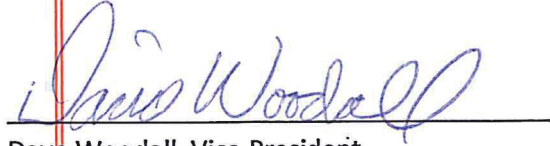


Howard Malcomb, President

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Dave Woodall, Vice President

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